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The amendment adds identification number to the strain CNB476 that was missing in the originally find specification. The amendment also adds new Claims 23-29, to replace the canceled Claims 1, 7, 10, 12-14, and 22.

Support for new Claims 23-29 is found in the application as filed at paragraph [0035], which recites:

[t]he compounds according to this invention may contain one or more asymmetric carbon atoms and thus occur as racemates and racemic mixtures, single enantiomers, diastereomeric mixtures and individual diastereomers. The term "stereoisomer" refers to chemical compounds which differ from each other only in the way that the different groups in the molecules are oriented in space. Stereoisomers have the same molecular weight, chemical composition, and constitution as another, but with the atoms grouped differently. That is, certain identical chemical moieties are at different orientations in space and, therefore, when pure, have the ability to rotate the plane of polarized light. However, some pure stereoisomers may have an optical rotation that is so slight that it is undetectable with present instrumentation. All such isomeric forms of these compounds are expressly included in the present invention.

Additional support for new Claims 23-29 is found in the application as filed at paragraph [0036], which in relevant part recites:

[e]ach stereogenic carbon may be of R or S configuration. Although the specific compounds exemplified in this application may be depicted in a particular configuration, compounds having either the opposite stereochemistry at any given chiral center or mixtures thereof are also envisioned.

Therefore, the amendment does not add new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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